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COMPLAINT FORM			
ADMINISTRATIVE DATA			
TITLE KIRTLAND AFB, NM, 8 Aug - 3 Sep 80, Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range.	DATE 2 - 9 Sept 80		TIME 1200
	PLACE AFOSI Det 1700, Kirtland AFB, NM		
	HOW RECEIVED		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONICALLY <input type="checkbox"/> IN WRITING		
	SOURCE AND EVALUATION		
	MAJOR (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS Commander, 1608 SPS, Manzano Kirtland AFB, NM PHONE 4-7516		
CR. 02 APPLIES			
SUMMARY OF INFORMATION			
REMARKS 1. On 2 Sept 80, SOURCE related on 8 Aug 80, three Security Policemen assigned to 1608 SPS, KAFB, NM, on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage Area, sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled from North to South over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range of KAFB, NM. The Security Policemen identified as: SSGT (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Area Supervisor, ALC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), and ALC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), were later interviewed separately by SOURCE and all three related the same statement: At approximately 2350hrs., while on duty in Charlie Sector, East Side of Manzano, the three observed a very bright light in the sky approximately 3 miles North-North East of their position. The light traveled with great speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over Coyote Canyon. The three first thought the object was a helicopter, however, after observing the strange aerial maneuvers (stop and go), they felt a helicopter couldn't have performed such skills. The light landed in the Coyote Canyon area. Sometime later, three witnessed the light take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high speed and disappear. 2. Central Security Control (CSC) inside Manzano, contacted Sardinia Security, who conducts frequent building checks on two alarmed structures in the area. They advised that a patrol was already in the area and would investigate. 3. On 11 Aug 80, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Sardinia Security, advised that on 9 Aug 80, a Sardinia Security Guard, (who wishes his name not be divulged for fear of harassment), related the following: At approximately 0020hrs., he was driving East on the Coyote Canyon access road on a routine building check of an alarmed structure. As he approached the structure he observed a bright light near the ground behind the structure. He also observed an object he first thought was a helicopter. But after driving closer, he observed a round disk shaped object. He attempted to radio for a back up patrol but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army and stated the object he observed was not a helicopter. 4. SOURCE advised on 11 Aug 80, three other security policemen observed the same			
DATE FORWARDED HQ AFOSI 10 Aug 80		AFOSI FORM 88 ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DATE 8 Sept 80	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), SA	SIGNATURE (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)	
DISTRICT FILE NO. 8017A 93-0/22		ADJ RESULTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE (See Attached)	

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III DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS			
COORDINATED WITH			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BASE COMMANDER	SECURITY POLICE	SJA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) <u>DOE</u>
RECOMMEND	CASE	<u>93</u> ZERO	TECHNICAL COVERAGE POSSIBLE <u>Yes</u>
OTHER COMMENTS			
<p>Base commander was briefed but did not request an AFOSI investigation at this time. At present coordination with Sandia Security, Department of Energy Security and Security Police ^{is} being conducted. The FBI will not become involved in the matter. If future sightings occur, suggest tech coverage of the area to determine whether a threat exists against the CR 44 material.</p>			
DATE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF DET. COMMANDER AND UNIT		SIGNATURE
9 Sep 80	(b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Major, USAF Commander, BID		(b)(6)(b)(7)(C)
IV DIVISION CHIEF'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION			
OPEN NEW	CASE	FILE IN <u>93</u> ZERO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COPY TO HQ AFOSI/IVOS
DECLINE REQUEST (Give Reason Below)		OTHER (Specify Below)	
OTHER COMMENTS			
<p><i>There could be various explanations regarding the origin of the observed phenomena. Our interest centers around any potential threat to the Coyote Canyon area. Tech observation will be considered if future incidents occur in that area.</i></p>			
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9 SEP 80	(b)(6)(b)(7)(C) SA CHIEF, C.I. BRANCH		(b)(6)(b)(7)(C)
V DISTRICT COMMANDER'S ACTION			
OPEN NEW	FILE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE <u>93</u> ZERO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COPY TO HQ AFOSI/IVOS
COORDINATED WITH TECHNICAL SERVICES		OTHER (Specify)	
OTHER COMMENTS			
DATE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND GRADE		SIGNATURE
7 SEP 80	(b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Col		(b)(6)(b)(7)(C)

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aerial phenomena described by the first three. Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off.

5. Coyote Canyon is part of a large restricted test range used by the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Sandia Laboratories, Defense Nuclear Agency and the Department of Energy. The range was formerly patrolled by Sandia Security, however, they only conduct building checks there now.

6. On 10 Aug 80, a New Mexico State Patrolman sighted an aerial object land in the Manzano's between Belen and Albuquerque, NM. The Patrolman reported the sighting to the Kirtland AFB Command Post, who later referred the patrolman to the AFOSI Dist 17. AFOSI Dist 17 advised the patrolman to make a report through his own agency. On 11 Aug 80, the Kirtland Public Information office advised the patrolman the USAF no longer investigates such sightings unless they occur on a USAF base.

7. WRITER contacted all the agencies who utilized the test range and it was learned no aerial tests are conducted in the Coyote Canyon area. Only ground tests are conducted.

8. On 8 Sept 80, WRITER learned from Sandia Security that another Security Guard observed a object land near an alarmed structure sometime during the first week of August, but did not report it until just recently for fear of harassment.

9. The two alarmed structures located within the area contains HQ CR 44 material.

AFOSI PURPOSE INTERNAL OSI FORM

DO NO.	SUBJECT	2017093-0/29
DET NO.	KIRTI AND AFB, NM, 8 Aug - 3 Sep 80,	
HEADQUARTERS	Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial	
DO NO	Lights In Restricted Test Range	26 Nov 80
DET NO		
HEADQUARTERS		

REFERENCE

AFOSI Form 96, 28 Oct 80, Same Title

MINOR DISCREPANCIES NOTED ARE LISTED BELOW.

YOUR DISTRICT IS DESIGNATED OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

ATTACHED REQUIRES INVESTIGATION IN YOUR AREA.

DETERMINE SUBJECT'S ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY GPM (24.1, PARA 2.4.1).

FORWARD RESULTS DIRECTLY TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN, PER 12.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED.

OUR FILES REFLECT PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY _____.

REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND YOU WILL BE FURNISHED FURTHER REPORT.

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION. FORWARD RESULTS OF ANY INVESTIGATION ACCOMPLISHED.

DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN LEAD REQUEST AND DEVELOPED INFORMATION ARE SET FORTH.

REPORT OF COMMAND ACTION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

REQUEST STATUS OF THIS MATTER AND/OR DATE REPORT MAY BE EXPECTED _____.

REFER ATTACHED TO INTERESTED COMMANDER FOR INFORMATION OR ACTION IF NOT FEASIBLE/NECESSARY.

CHECK WORLD-WIDE LOCATOR FOR BELOW LISTED PERSON OR SUBJECT.

ATTACHED IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION.

UPON REMOVAL OF ATTACHMENTS, _____ THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE:

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REMARKS

1. On 10 Nov 80, a meeting took place in 1606 ABW/CC Conference Room attended by the following individuals: BGen WILLIAM BROOKSHER, AFOSP/CC, COL (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), 1606 ABW/CC, COL (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), 1606 ABW/CV, COL (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), 1606 SPQp/CC, COL (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), AFOSI Dist 17/CC, LTC (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), 1606 ABW/SJ, MAJ (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), AFOSI Det 1700/CC, Dr. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), Director, AFML, (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), AFML Instrumentations Specialist and Dr. PAUL F. BENNENWITZ, President Thunder Scientific Laboratory, Albuquerque. Dr. BENNENWITZ presented film and photographs of alleged unidentified Aerial Objects photographed over KAFB, NM during the last 15 months. Dr. BENNENWITZ also related he had documented proof that he was in contact with the aliens flying the objects. At the conclusion of the presentation, Dr. BENNENWITZ expressed an interest in obtaining financial assistance from the USAF in furthering his investigation regarding these objects. DR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) advised DR. BENNENWITZ to request a USAF grant for research. DR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) advised DR. BENNENWITZ he would assist him in filling out the proper documents.

2. On 17 Nov 80, SA (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), advised DR. BENNENWITZ that AFOSI would not become involved in the investigation of these objects. DR. BENNENWITZ was advised (b)(6)(b)(7)(C).

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that AFOSI was not in a position to evaluate the information and photographs he has collected, to date or technically investigate such matters.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 3. On 26 Nov 80, SA [] received a phone call from an individual who identified himself as U.S. Senator HARRISON SCHMIDT, of New Mexico. SEN SCHMIDT inquired about AFOSI'S role in investigating the aerial phenomena reported by Dr. BENNEWITZ.
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SA [] advised SEN SCHMIDT that AFOSI was not investigating the phenomena.
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SA [] then politely referred SEN SCHMIDT to AFOSI Dist 17/CC. SEN SCHMIDT declined to speak with 17/CC and informed SA [] he would request that SAF look into the matter and determine what USAF agency should investigate the phenomena.

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4. It should be noted that DR. BENNEWITZ has had a number of conversations with SEN SCHMIDT during the last few months regarding BENNEWITZ'S private research. SEN SCHMIDT has made telephone calls to BGEN BROOKSHER, AFOSP/CC regarding the matter since Security Police are responsible for the security of Manzano Storage Area.

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IN REPLY TO		AFOSI COMMUNICATION		DATE OF TRANSMITTAL 30 July 1981	
TO:		SUBJECT			
AFOSI/CC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) <i>1200681</i>		Dr. PAUL FREDRICK BENNEWITZ Congressional Inquiry			
FROM:					
AFOSI District 17/CC Kirtland AFB, NM 87117		(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)			
REFERENCE 8017093-0/29					
ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT					
<input type="checkbox"/> INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.					
<input type="checkbox"/> THIS MATTER IS <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED.					
<input type="checkbox"/> REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN (AFR 124-4).					
<input type="checkbox"/> NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S).					
<input type="checkbox"/> REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE LISTED BELOW.					
<input type="checkbox"/> ATTACHED IS AN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT (IIR) TRANSMITTED ELECTRICALLY IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME-LINESS. NUMERICAL DESIGNATORS IN THE IIR ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1. COUNTRY; 2. REPORT NUMBER; 3. TITLE; 4. PROJECT NUMBER; 5. DATE OF INFORMATION; 6. DATE OF REPORT; 7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION; 8. REFERENCES; 9. ASSESSMENT; 10. ORIGINATOR; 11. REQUEST EVALUATION; 12. PREPARING OFFICER; 13. APPROVING AUTHORITY; 14. SOURCE.					
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OTHER/REMARKS					
<p>On 30 Jul 81, the 1606th ABW IG contacted DO 17/BID and advised that Senator PETER DOMENICI desired to talk to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the matter involving BENNEWITZ. After checking with Col (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Acting AFOSI/CC, it was agreed SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and DO 17/CC would meet with Senator DOMENICI. Senator DOMENICI was present in the IG's Office but departed immediately to meet with BENNEWITZ. A subsequent check with Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Senator DOMENICI's Aide, in an effort to determine the Senator's specific questions, determined his sole interest was to know whether AFOSI had conducted a formal investigation of SUBJECT. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was informed that no formal investigation of BENNEWITZ was conducted by AFOSI. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he assumed if any information were available, and was to be requested from AFOSI, it would have to be requested from our Headquarters. He was provided Col (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) name and the Bolling AFB address of our HQ AFOSI in event he desired any further information. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) thanked us and indicated no further inquiries from the Senator regarding this matter are anticipated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>8017093-0/29 X</i></p>					
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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Colonel, USAF Commander				HQ AFOSI/IVOS File	
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MULTIPURPOSE INTERNAL OSI FORM
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DO NO.(S) 17/1V0	SUBJECT KIRTLAND AFB, NM, 8 Aug - 3 Sep 80 Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range	FILE NO.
DET NO.(S)		8017D93-0/29
HEADQUARTERS		TRANSMITTAL DATE
DO NO. 17/B1D		28 Oct 80
DET NO.		SUSPENSE DATE
HEADQUARTERS		

REFERENCE

AFOSI Fm 1, 8 Sep 80, Same Title

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OUR FILES REFLECT PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY _____, DTD. _____, FILE _____ (By copy of this form is requested to furnish _____ copies of prior investigation/letter summary, if applicable, to _____)
REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND YOU WILL BE FURNISHED FURTHER REPORTS.
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REMARKS

On 24 Oct 80, Dr PAUL FREDRICK BENNEWITZ, Male Born 30 Sep 27, KS, Civ, SSAN: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1413 Wagon Train Drive, Albuquerque, NM, contacted SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) through Major (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Commander, 1608 SPS, Kirtland AFB, NM and related he had knowledge and evidence of threats against Manzano Weapons Storage area. The threat was from Aerial phenomena over Manzano.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) On 26 Oct 80, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), with the assistance of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), GS-15, Chief, Scientific Advisor for Air Force Test and Evaluation Center, KAFB, interviewed Dr. BENNEWITZ at his home in the Four Hills Section of Albuquerque, which is adjacent to the northern boundary of Manzano Base. (NOTE: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a former Project Blue Book USAF Investigator who was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB (W-PAFB), OH, with FTD. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is one of the most knowledgeable and impartial investigators of Aerial Objects in the southwest). Dr. BENNEWITZ produced photographs and over 2600 feet of 8mm motion picture film depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon Test Area. Dr. BENNEWITZ has been conducting independent research into Aerial Phenomena for the last 15 months. Dr. BENNEWITZ also produced several electronic recording tapes,

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allegedly showing high periods of electrical magnetism being emitted from Manzano/Coyote Canyon area. Dr. BENNEWITZ also produced several photographs of flying objects taken over the general Albuquerque area. He has several pieces of electronic surveillance equipment pointed at Manzano and is attempting to record high frequency electrical beam pulses. Dr. BENNEWITZ claims these Aerial Objects produce these pulses.

3. After analyzing the data collected by Dr. BENNEWITZ, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) related the evidence clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film; however, no conclusions could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano/Coyote Canyon areas. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) felt the electronical recording tapes were inconclusive and could have been gathered from several conventional sources. No sightings, other than these, have been reported in the area.

4. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has contacted FTD personnel at W-P AFB, OH, who expressed an interest and are scheduled to inspect Dr. BENNEWITZ' data.

5. Request a DCII check be made on Dr BENNEWITZ.

6. This is responsive to HQ CR 44.

7. Command was briefed but did not request an investigation at this time.